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I was unable to read our full statement at the recent workshop in San Diego on May 16th entitled: Potential Impacts of Federal Vehicle Standards Rollback. I would like to offer the full comment. Thank you.

Good afternoon,

My name is Karl Aldinger and I am here today representing the Sunrise Movement, a youth-led Climate Action group which has been, in many ways, responsible for a world wide conversation about a Green New Deal and increased scrutiny about the dangerous INACTION of the governments of the world.

The California Air Resources Board has been responsible for the world's first action against pollution including CARB's insistence that California be the first in the world to adopt unleaded gasoline, And then catalytic converters, and on and on.

CARB forced the world to believe Zero Emissions Vehicles were possible before anyone else was willing to do so, creating the landscape for the first wave of battery electric vehicles of the late 90's and early 2000s. But when CARB lost its way, and rolled back ZEV rules, in deference to a mythical hydrogen highway, the manufactures quickly dumped these designs, with General Motors literally crushing their EV1 cars as if to erase their existence. CARB has brought back Zero Emissions Vehicle rules, and auto manufacturers, once again were forced to do the hard work of designing competitive cars that don't rely on gasoline or diesel.

It is not an overstatement that the California Air Resources Board has done more to prevent the pollution and greenhouse gas emissions of the world's vehicles, than any other regulatory body, bar none, always LEADING the EPA.

CARB and California might be compared to Joan of Arc, Simone Bolivar, or Greta Thunberg, who today is on the cover of TIME magazine as the face of a new youth movement demanding radical action. As Greta Thunberg has told us, "We cannot solve a CRISIS without treating it like a CRISIS." All of these were accidental leaders who became swept up in a -- JUST struggle. Thank you CARB. Sunrise understands the urgency to transition to increased mass transit, increased bicycle usage here in our city, and electrification for all of our vehicles. Fighting for slow, increased mileage for gasoline and diesel powered vehicles is actually an outdated battle.

It has been, and will continue to be California's privilege and responsibility to lead the world in solving this problem, as long as the people at CARB who work to serve Californians,, continue to understand their role in protecting San Diego, California, and our planet. It is my understanding that CARB respects this role and will fight to meet California's ambitious climate goals, by resisting our EPA's dangerous non-protective rollbacks. But they must do

more. CARB must reflect the massive challenge of Climate Crisis and go on the offensive. Do not allow the Trump administration to make you play Defense.

It is a pleasure to come before you as an activist and policy advocate, agreeing with and reinforcing your efforts, but I must ask for more on behalf of the young people who will endure the terrifying effect of Climate Crisis. We expect you to fight as hard as you can to eliminate what is now our greatest source of emissions in California, and thus continue to carve a path for the country and the world.

Thank you

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